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1. INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING
DECEMBER 23 COMPLETED EXAMINATION OF NATIONAL ENERGY
PLAN BY APPROVING MAJOR ELEMENTS DEALING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY
(CONSTRUCTION OF 20,000 MW NUCLEAR CAPACITY BY 1985) AND
RELATED NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND RESEARCH ISSUES, RATIONALIZATION
OF PETROLEUM REFINING AND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES AND
DISPOSITION OF PROFITS ON DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS (ILE. DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN COST OF PRODUCTION AND SALE AT PRICES EQUIVALENT TO
THOSE FOR IMPORTED OIL). THESE PROFITS (WHICH HAD ACCRUED
ENTIRELY TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED OIL COMPANY ENI DUE TO
ITS LEGAL MONOPOLY OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION HAD BEEN USED
TO OFFSET LARGE LOSSES ON PETROLEUM OPERATIONS) WILL
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HENCEFORTH BE RE-INVESTED IN ENERGY PRODUCING ACTIVITIES.

2. COMMENT: ENERGY PLAN, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, WILL NOW GO TO RELEVANT MINISTRIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, AND DRAFTING OF REQUIRED LEGISLATION WHERE NECESSARY. LEGISLATION NECESSARY INCLUDES APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET FORESEEN GOI CONTRIBUTION TO STATE ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY ENEL'S CAPITAL FUNDS. WAY NOW APPEARS CLEAR FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO ORDER EIGHT NUCLEAR REACTORS AND, IF SITING AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED, TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUR REACTORS ORDERED IN 1973-74. CIPE COMMUNIQUE DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL HIGH COMMISSARIAT FOR ENERGY, WHICH WOULD HAVE INTEGRATED MAJOR ITALIAN ENERGY-PRODUCING COMPANIES (ENEL AND ENI, PLUS NUCLEAR RESEARCH AGENCY CNR) UNDER SINGLE AGENCY. ACCODING TO PRESS REPORTS, HIGH COMMISSARIAT WILL GO TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR RESOLUTION OF INTRA-GOI DIFFERENCES.VOLPE

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